For she is wise, if I can iudge of her,
and faire she is, if that mine eyes be true,
and true she is, as she hath proou'd herselfe:
And therefore like herselfe, wise, faire, and true,
shall she be placed in my constant soule. Enter *Iessica.*
What, art thou come, on gentleman, away,
our masking mates by this time for vs stay. *Exit.*

Enter *Anthonio.*

An. VVhose there?

Gra. Signior *Anthonio?*

Anth. Fie, fie Gratiano, where are all the rest?
Tis nine a clocke, our friends all stay for you,
No maske to night, the wind is come about
Bassanio presently will goe abord,
I haue sent twentie out to seeke for you.

Gra. I am glad ont, I desire no more delight
then to be vnderfaile, and gone to night. *Exeunt.*

Enter *Portia* with *Morrocho* and both theyr traines.

Por. Goe, draw aside the curtaines and discouer
the seuerall caskets to this noble Prince:
Now make your choyse.

Mor. This first of gold, who this inscription beares,
Who chooseth me, shall gaine what many men desire.
The second siluer, which this promise carries,
Who chooseth me, shall get as much as he deserues.
This third, dull lead, with warning all as blunt,
Who chooseth me, must giue and hazard all he hath.
How shall I know if I doe choose the right?

Por. The one of them containes my picture Prince,
if you choose that, then I am yours withall.

Mor. Some God direct my iudgement, let me see,
I will suruay th'inscriptions, back againe,
What saies this leaden casket?
Who chooseth me, must giue and hazard all he hath,
Must giue, for what? for lead, hazard for lead?
This casket threatens men that hazard all

doe

doe it in hope of faire aduantag
A golden minde stoopes not to
Ile then nor giue nor hazard ou
What sayes the siluer with her v
Who chooseth me, shal get as
As much as he deserues, pause t
and weigh thy valew with an eu
If thou beest rated by thy estim
thou doost deserue enough, an
May not extend so farre as to th
And yet to be afeard of my dese
vvere but a weake disabling of
As much as I deserue, why that
I doe in birth deserue her, and i
in graces, and in qualities of bre
but more then these, in loue I d
vvhat if I straid no farther, but
Lets see once more this saying g
Who chooseth me shall gaine v
Why thats the Ladie, all the wo
From the foure corners of the
to kisse this shrine, this mortall
The Hircanion deserts, and th
Of wide Arabia are as through
for Princes to come view faire
The waterie Kingdome, whose
Spets in the face of heauen, is
To stop the forraine spirits, bu
as ore a brooke to see faire *Por*
One of these three containes he
Ist like that leade containes her
to thinke so base a thought, it v
to ribb her serecloth in the obs
Or shall I thinke in siluer shees
beeing tenne times vndervalew
O sinfull thought, neuer so rich
vvas set in worse then gold. T

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